

House Resolution No. 545

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize those Show-Me State residents who have had a great impact upon the lives and work of innumerable citizens; and

Whereas, Louis B. Smither of Weston has been deeply involved in the tobacco industry of Platte County since 1978 when he left a promising educational career in order to return to farming, join the Missouri Council for Burley Tobacco, Incorporated, and become part-owner of the New Deal Tobacco Warehouse; and

Whereas, Chairman of the Missouri Council for Burley Tobacco from 1980 to 2001, Louis Smither is a member of the Burley 39 Man Committee, the main source of information about tobacco for all Missouri tobacco farmers, and a leader in the research and testing of new technology for the tobacco industry; and

Whereas, one of the primary motivating factors in Missouri tobacco production, Louis Smither has conducted many trips to the Jefferson City and Washington, D.C., centers of government on behalf of Missouri tobacco farmers, made many investigative forays into Kentucky tobacco fields, served on many national tobacco councils, and helped keep the Weston Tobacco Markets open and competitive; and

Whereas, Louis Smither served as co-chairman of the Weston Save the Depot Committee which benefitted from his leadership in successfully moving and preserving the old depot; and

Whereas, Louis Smither has admirably served as treasurer of the Weston Optimist Club and now is noted for his establishment and fund-raising efforts for the local Rotary Foundation in addition to his once again entering the classroom as a wrestling coach for the last three years at West Platte High School and stepping onto the gridiron as a Junior High School football coach in 1999 and 2000:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stalwart leadership, stellar vision, and diligent hard work of Louis Smither and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for many more years of personal and professional success to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to acknowledge the heartfelt societal contributions of Louis B. Smither of Weston, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Maurice Lawson
District No. 29

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 545, adopted March 5, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

